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SUBJECT: KAZAKHSTAN - DEMARCHE DELIVERED REGARDING SUICIDE

ATTACK BY FORMER GUANTANAMO DETAINEE

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Classified By: Pol-Econ Chief Steven Fagin, Reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

(C) On August 15, we delivered reftel demarche points regarding a suicide attack by a former Guantanamo detainee from Kuwait to Serik Baigazin, Acting Director for International Affairs in the MFA's Consular Department. Baigazin said that he could not immediately tell us the status of the Guantanamo detainees previously transferred to Kazakhstan, but reassured us that they were under close supervision by "the relevant agencies." He promised to research their status and get back to us as soon as possible. (Note: Media accounts from April-May 2007 indicated that all three returned detainees were living and working freely in Kazakhstan. End Note.) We will follow up with the MFA expeditiously to obtain a more detailed response to the demarche.

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